

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS *College of Humanities and Social Sciences*

The International Relations degree offers students the opportunity to study international politics, history, societies, and cultures. It is an interdisciplinary program focused on the way countries and governments function around the world, interact with each other on the global stage, and how those interactions affect other countries. International Relations graduates can pursue careers in international organizations such as the United Nations, non-profits (NGOs), private and public sector positions with global exposure, and many will find that it is a good base for further graduate study

### DEGREES OFFERED

- International Relations, BA
- International Relations Minor

### SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Adaptability/flexibility
- Analytical
- Communication skills
- Creativity
- Critical thinking
- Decision making skills
- Good judgment
- Leadership
- Negotiation skills
- Problem solving
- Research
- Resourcefulness
- Writing skills

### REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES

- International Relations Club
- Model United Nations
- Political Science Club
- Student Senate
- Study Abroad
- Internships

### EMPLOYERS

- Colleges and universities
- Diplomatic agencies
- Domestic and foreign agencies
- Government agencies
- Humanitarian organizations
- International agencies
- Law firms
- Multinational corporations
- Non-profit organizations
- U.S. foreign service

### CAREERS

- Civil service officer
- Communications/public relations
- Congressional staffer
- Demographer
- Diplomat
- Economic development
- Foreign affairs specialist
- Humanitarian aid
- Intelligence analyst
- Language specialist
- Lawyer\*
- Management analyst
- Non-profit administrator
- Ombudsman
- Policy advisor
- Program administrator
- Reporter/journalist
- Research specialist
- Professor\*
- Translator/interpreter

\*Advanced Education Preferred

## UNITED NATIONS – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

The United Nations/International Relations club (UNIR-C) is a recognized student organization. Membership of the club include students majoring in International Relations, Political Science, History and others in the Social Sciences and beyond. UNIR-C was established in 1993/4 for the purpose of promoting global awareness on campus and the larger community. Its focus is on major current events and vital international issues. Its activities include sponsoring and promoting relevant events on campus, from lectures to film reviews to discussion/study groups. One of UNIR-C’s major, annual activities is participation in the Arrowhead Model United Nations Conference, either on campus or at one of the participating Midwestern colleges/universities.

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### SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM (INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, BA)

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)	General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
POL 231 World Politics (core course) (4) Minor Course (recommended) (3-4) Language Course (required) (4) General Education Course (3)	POL 241 Intro to Comparative Politics (core course) (4) Minor Course (recommended) (3-4) Language Course (required) (4) General education course (3) General education course (3)
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)
POL 431 International Relations, core course (4) POL XXX Comparative Politics Requirement (4) Minor Course (recommended) (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)	International Experiential Learning (6-15) *Recommended for summer between the third and fourth year. Major Restricted Elective (4) Major Restrictive Elective (4) Major Unrestricted Elective (3-4) Minor Course (recommended) (3)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
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